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Applicant: Kusakabe et al.
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Title: ELECTRONIC MONEY SYSTEM, ELECTRONIC MONEY TERMINAL
DEVICE, AND INFORMATION CARD
Art Unit: 3628
Examiner: H. Dass
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 as follows:

a1
This invention relates to an electronic money system, an electronic money terminal device and an information card, and is applicable to an electronic money system, an electronic terminal device and an information card which are used in such a manner that money data is stored in the information card.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 14 as follows:

a2
At this time, the card terminal device connects a communication line to the management computer of the bank or the credit company, and transmits information of the card number, the sum of money utilized, and others. The management computer of the bank or the credit company manages whether each user's cash card or credit card is in a past-due state or not, whether it has reached the limit of utilizable money or not, whether there is a report of loss of the card, etc., and on the basis of the information of the card number, the sum of money utilized